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PROBABLE VEHICULAR CABLE BRIDGE
ROUTE 912, LAOS
1712N 10609E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-1210 FOR COMPARISON)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE FIRST OBSERVANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROBABLE VEHICULAR CABLE BRIDGE IN LAOS, AND THE SECOND OBSERVANCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. BACKGROUND:

THE COMPARISON OF DAY AND NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY OF

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OF THE XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE RAO CAI (RIVER) IN NORTH VIETNAM REVEALED THE USE BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE OF A DECEPTION TECHNIQUE WHEREBY AN APPARENTLY UNSERVICEABLE BRIDGE WAS MADE SERVICEABLE BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABLES AND REMOVABLE SECTIONS OF BRIDGE DECKING.

3. LOCATION:

THE PROBABLE VEHICULAR CABLE BRIDGE IS OBSERVED AT UTM XE231026, WHERE THE ALTERNATE ROAD SEGMENT OF ROUTE 912 CROSSES THE NAM TA LE (STREAM), APPROXIMATELY FIVE NM SOUTH OF THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER.

4. MISSION READOUTS:

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REVEALS THE PROBABLE VEHICULAR CABLE BRIDGE TO CONSIST OF TWO CABLES SPANNING THE NAM TA LE. THE CABLES APPEAR TO BE TOO HIGH ABOVE THE WATER SURFACE TO BE

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USED AS A GUIDELINE FOR A VEHICLE FERRY. ROAD APPROACHES HAVE BEEN
CONSTRUCTED TO THE CABLE BRIDGE ON BOTH STREAM BANKS AND APPEAR TO BE
IN ACTIVE USE.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED] REVEALS A
SERVICEABLE CONSTRUCTED FORD LOCATED AT THE POINT WHERE ROUTE 912
CROSSES THE NAM TA LE, JUST SOUTH OF THE PROBABLE VEHICULAR CABLE
BRIDGE.

TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED]

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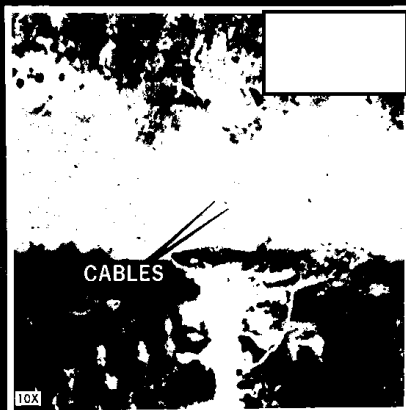
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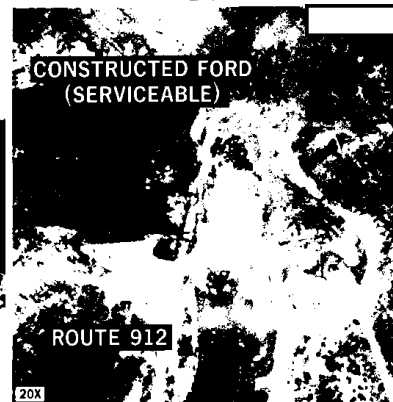


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PROBABLE VEHICULAR CABLE BRIDGE
ROUTE 912, LAOS
17-12N 106-09E



BY-PASS ROAD
(SERVICEABLE)



NORTH VIETNAM BORDER
5 NM

NAM TA LE

ROUTE 912



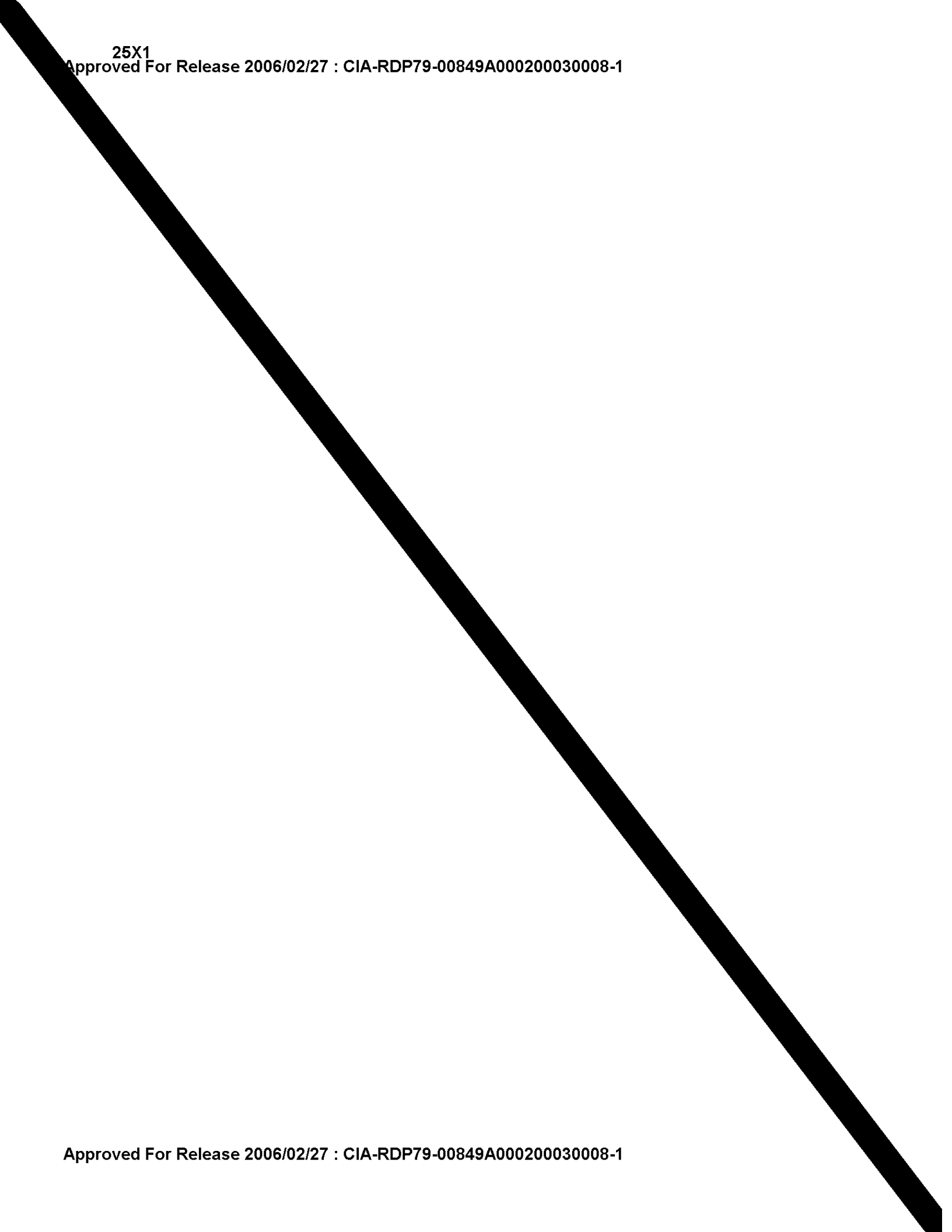
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